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**Nebraska vs Miami
The Orange Bowl**

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Nebraska-Oklahoma
Weekly Update

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on the cover...

Tom Rathman (26) has daylight in front of him, but not above, as the sophomore fullback rambles for a big gain, splashing water from the rain-soaked turf along the way.

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Three in a Row, 28-21

NORMAN, OKLA. — It had been a season mostly devoid of close calls, high drama and tension. Lopsided scores were the norm for the nation's top-ranked Cornhuskers. The finale in Tom Osborne's first perfect season included a season's worth of excitement before the Huskers completed a third straight unbeaten run through the Big Eight Conference and could turn toward a national championship date with Miami in the Orange Bowl.

Osborne had taken unbeaten teams to Norman in 1975 and '79 and had lost. This time, the Sooners were sub-par with three losses, but they could still tie for the championship, and they mustered a valiant effort that earned the '83 game an honored spot in the storied Shootout Series.

Twice, Nebraska had to come from a touchdown behind, which it did with devastating suddenness, befitting the most potent offense in college football history. But it was the defense, in the finest Blackshirt tradition, that blunted one last Sooner bid for a miracle finish that carried to the Cornhusker 2-yard line in the final minute.

Oklahoma got its final chance when Nebraska failed to pad its 28-21 lead with a field goal attempt with 5:50 remaining. OU had 73 yards to go. Husker cornerback Neil Harris was short on an interception attempt and Derrick Shepard escaped for a 27-yard gain to the 11. On the next play, I-back Earl Johnson took it to the 2.

Nebraska's coaches were busy working on a defense for the anticipated two-point conversion that could win it for the Sooners when OU was set back by an illegal prodecure penalty. Then end Billy Weber dropped quarterback Danny Bradley for a 3-yard loss on a rollout.

With 42 seconds left, Harris knocked down a slant pass over the middle that had been tipped by linebacker Mike Knox. On fourth down, with 37 seconds left, Harris shadowed Buster Rhymes into the left corner and knocked a floater away to save it.

Game Stats

TEAM

	NU	OU
First downs rushing	13	13
First down passing	6	6
First downs penalty	1	0
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	20	19
Attempts rushing	57	55
Yards gained rushing	382	275
Yards lost rushing	16	42
NET YARDS RUSHING	366	233
Passes attempted	16	13
Passes completed	7	6
Passes had intercepted	1	0
NET YARDS PASSING	58	187
Total plays	73	68
TOTAL YARDAGE	424	420
Interception return yds	0	7
Punts-Yards	4-132	5-227
Punting average	33.0	45.4
Punts blocked by	0	1
Punt returns-Yards	1-1	1-8
Kickoff returns-Yards	4-110	4-83
Penalties-Yards	1-5	6-50
Fumbles-Fumbles lost	2-0	2-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Nebraska — Rozier 32 carries for 205 yards, 1 TD, 62-yard long gain; Gill 11 for 55, 1, 40; Rathman 5 for 48, 0, 28; Schellen 8 for 40, 2, 17; Fryar 1 for 18, 0, 18.

Oklahoma — Tillman 16 carries for 134 yards, 2 TDs, 39-yard long gain; Johnson 23 for 84, 0, 9; Ledbetter 3 for 14, 0, 7; Bradley 12 for 13, 0, 16; Shepard 1 for -12, 0, -12.

PASSING

NU — Gill 7 completions in 16 attempts, 1 interception, 0 TDs, 15-yard long gain.

OU — Bradley 6 completions in 13 attempts, 0 interceptions, 1 TD, 73-yard long gain.

RECEIVING

NU — Fryar 4 receptions for 27 yards, 0 TDs, 12-yard long gain; Simmons 2 for 23, 0, 15; Brungardt 1 for 8, 0, 8.

OU — Rhymes 3 receptions for 127 yards, 1 TD, 73-yard long gain; Shepard 3 for 60, 0, 27.

PUNTING

Nebraska — Livingston 3 punts for 105 yards, 35-yard average, 46-yard long punt; 1 team punt for 27 yards.

OU — Atyia 5 punts for 227 yards, 45.4 average, 68-yard long punt.

ALL RETURNS

NU — Rozier 2 kickoff returns for 62 yards; Smith 1 punt return for 11 yards and 2 kickoff returns for 48 yards.

OU — Shepard 1 punt return for 8 yards and 3 kickoff returns for 63 yards; Rhymes 1 kickoff return for 20 yards; Benson 1 interception return for 7 yards.

DEFENSIVE

NU — Weber 6 unassisted, 0 assists for 6 tackles; Strasburger 4-0 for 4; Graeber 4-0 for 4; Keeler 3-0 for 3; Tranmer 3-0 for 3; Herrmann 2-0 for 2; Stuckey 2-0 for 2; Smith 1-0 for 1; Knox 10-2 for 12; Daum 4-1 for 5; Harris 4-1 for 5; Burke 4-0 for 4; Clark 4-0 for 4; McCashland 2-0 for 2.

OU — Bryan 6 unassisted, 2 assists for 8 tackles; Murphy 4-3 for 7; Slater 5-1 for 6; Wilson 2-0 for 2; Cassillas 1-1 for 2; Flemons 1-0 for 1; Truitt 1-0 for 1; Goodlow 1-0 for 1; Shipp 7-6 for 13; Benson 1-2 for 3; Miglizzo 1-0 for 1; Stanberry 5-2 for 7; Case 4-3 for 7; Rockford 6-0 for 6; Hall 1-0 for 1.

Big 8 Standings

	CONF.				ALL GAMES			
	W	L	T	PF	PA	W	L	T
Nebraska	7	0	0	335	130	12	0	0
Missouri	5	2	0	204	119	7	4	0
Oklahoma	5	2	0	216	121	7	4	0
Okla State	3	4	0	157	103	7	4	0
Iowa State	3	4	0	174	264	4	7	0
Kansas	2	5	0	163	241	4	6	1
Colorado	2	5	0	163	275	4	7	0
Kansas State	1	6	0	107	255	3	8	0

Coach Osborne's Evaluation



'I don't think anybody played badly. Our defense played pretty well, our offense played well.' *Tom Osborne.*

"Both teams were obviously intent and well-prepared, and when that happens you usually concentrate well on the ball. We were kind of counting on Oklahoma to turn the ball over some. They had averaged about four turnovers a game.

"We had been taking good care of the ball, and we were hoping we could continue to do so and they would continue to cough it up a few times. It turned out that they didn't, which made it a lot tougher," Osborne said.

Oklahoma did not have a turnover while Nebraska had only one — an interception — on a chilly day with frequent drizzle and occasional downpours.

"I don't think anybody played badly. Our defense played pretty well, our offense played well. I was concerned about moving the ball on them because I thought Oklahoma had a great defense and probably an underrated offense. We didn't know how we'd do against their offense because we hadn't faced a real good running team all year.

"They got two big plays, the long touchdown run by Spencer Tillman and the long pass. One of the things we talked about all week was to not give up the big play. We felt they'd have trouble scoring many points if they had to just bang it out. You take those two big plays away, and we would have played an outstanding defensive game.

"As it was, I think we played well, and of course the goal line stand at the end was outstanding.

"I thought Oklahoma played awfully well. I talked to one of their grad assistants after the game, and he thought it was maybe as good a game as they'd played in a couple of years. When you look at the turnovers and effort and everything, they played very well.

"Oklahoma's a much better football team right now than when they lost to Texas and Ohio State. The Missouri loss is a little bit of a mystery, but Oklahoma seems to have trouble playing on grass, even when they have their

Mike Rozier (30) hits the left side of the dependable Nebraska line as the nation's top rusher adds more yardage to his total. Rozier rushed for over 200 yards for the fourth straight week — this time against a defense which has allowed fewer than 100 yards per game on the ground!



very best teams.”

The game was not without its controversy. Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer argued vehemently that receiver Derrick Shepard was interfered with on a pass over the middle on the Sooners’ next-to-last play from the Nebraska 10-yard line. Neil Harris knocked down the pass.

“The two coaches are probably the guys in the stadium who know least about what’s happened out there. Mike Knox (linebacker) definitely did tip the ball, irrespective of what anybody says. Their coaches probably know that by now (after seeing the film). Any time you tip a ball, there is no such thing as pass interference after the ball is batted or tipped.

“Actually, as far as I’m concerned, Neil Harris was kind of in position, and the guy ran into him. So even if it wasn’t tipped, I’m not sure it should have been a pass interference call.

“Those things happen, and you’ve got to shrug those off. I know in Barry’s situation, that’s very difficult right now to shrug anything off. And I’m sure if it had gone against us, I’d feel the same way,” Osborne said.

“I thought we played a good ball game, Oklahoma played a good ball game and there were two very talented teams out there. It was a tough loss for Oklahoma and Barry Switzer, but we’ve been there a few times.

Oklahoma quarterback Danny Bradley completed six of 13 passes for 187 yards, including a 73-yard touchdown pass to Buster Rhymes. “Bradley played well, as well as I’ve ever seen him play, but one of the receptions was a deflection (a 34-yard catch by Rhymes after the ball was batted by Husker cornerback Dave Burke).”

Oklahoma surprised the Huskers by sticking primarily with an I-formation offense when Nebraska was expecting to see more wishbone. “That was one of the quandaries we had. We spent about half the time preparing for the wishbone, and they only ran it three plays. So they kind of hung their hat on the I-formation. The work we put in on the wishbone did help us on some of their options, so it wasn’t wasted effort.

“We had only two really bad defensive plays in the game,” he said. The first was a 39-yard

touchdown run by Spencer Tillman that tied the score at 7-7 in the second quarter.

“They were in a triple set, with three receivers to one side and that put us in a defense we didn’t want to be in, but we had to cover all the receivers. We had never seen them run a counter sweep out of that set. One of our linebackers overran the play and that opened it up,” he said.

The other major defensive error was the 73-yard Bradley-Rhymes pass. “It was really a well-thrown ball and a good pass route, but they caught us in bad position.

“We had some problems with field position. We started out at our 1 and 2 after punts and only started once in their territory. One of the problems was that their punter didn’t punt very well, not far enough for us to field it, and we didn’t want to take a chance with the wet ball and they got a couple of good rolls.

“It looked like a couple of times that Oklahoma was going to get control of the game, but we’d come right back and score in four or five plays.

“A great statistic for us was one penalty for five yards. Another big statistic was rushing yards (366 to OU’s 233). When you can haul off and gain that many yards against a team that had been averaging only about 90 yards rushing against them, that’s pretty good,” he said.

Osborne singled out the effort of fullback Mark Schellen, who started on the bench in favor of sophomore Tom Rathman, and came back with eight carries for 40 yards and touchdown runs of 7 and 17 yards. Schellen set season (9) and career (12) school touchdown records for a fullback with his pair.

“Mark had a couple of games where he didn’t play up to his standards. Rathman deserved to play. I like the way Schellen responded. He came back and became a better player,” he said.

Osborne said he and his staff fully expected Oklahoma to try a two-point conversion if it scored on its final drive in the last minute. “I was on the phone (to the coaches in the press box) from the 40-yard line on in, talking about what defense we would go with against a two-point conversion. I’m not going to say what we would have done. We may run into that situation again.”

Scoring Summary

Nebraska 28, Oklahoma 21

Nebraska	7	7	14	0 — 28
Oklahoma	0	14	7	0 — 21

NU-OU	How They Scored	Time Left
First Quarter		
7-0	Schellen 7 run (Livingston kick) Drive: 67 yards in 13 plays	6:53
Second Quarter		
7-7	Tillman 39 run (Lashar kick) Drive: 69 yards in 5 plays	4:05
7-14	Rhymes 73 pass from Bradley (Lashar kick) Drive: 73 yards in 1 play	2:11
14-14	Rozier 3 run (Livingston kick) Drive: 73 yards in 5 plays	0:42
Third Quarter		
14-21	Tillman 18 run (Lashar kick) Drive: 43 yards in 6 plays	6:22
21-21	Gill 1 run (Livingston kick) Drive: 65 yards in 3 plays	5:25
28-21	Schellen 17 run (Livingston kick) Drive: 41 yards in 8 plays	0:35
Fourth Quarter		
No scoring		

Attendance: 75,008

Injury Report

There was little business in the Husker training room the morning after the Big Eight championship game in Norman.

Defensive end Scott Strasburger reported in for treatment on a strained hip muscle, I-back Jeff Smith had a sprained left knee and offensive tackle had a thigh bruise. If there were other injuries, the players nursed them at home rather than fight a snowstorm.

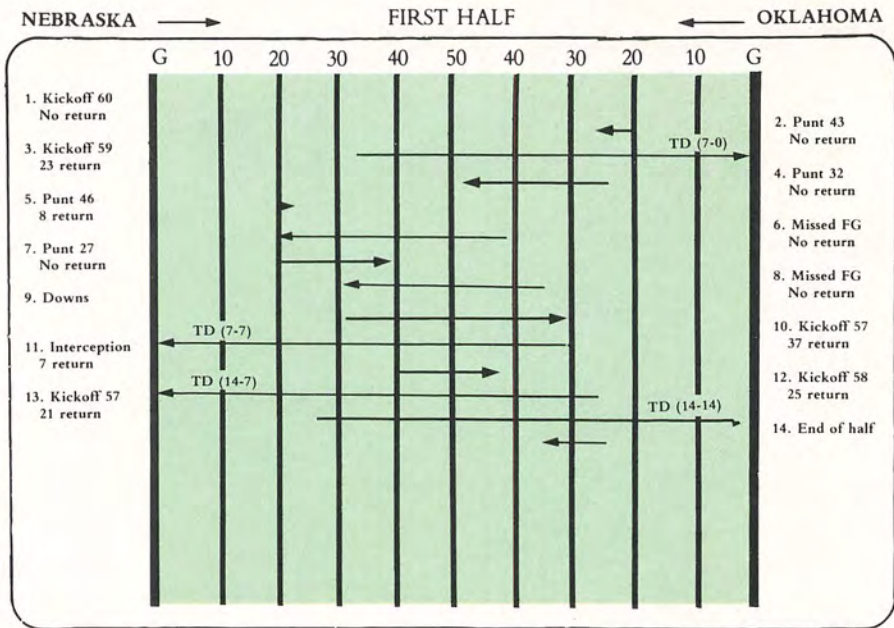
"Only about 35 people played very much, so there weren't many injuries," Trainer Jerry Weber said.

So the squad should be in good shape for the Orange Bowl showdown with Miami. "We've got more than a month to get ready for the Orange Bowl, so we have plenty of time to get healed up," Weber said.

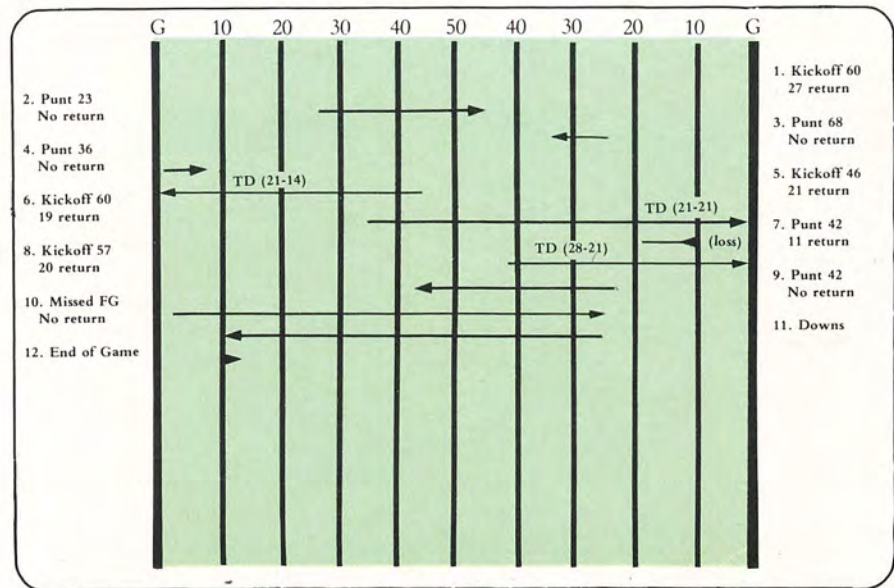
1983 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Score
Aug. 29	Penn State (at E. Rutherford)	44-6
Sept. 10	Wyoming at Lincoln	56-20
Sept. 17	at Minnesota	84-13
Sept. 24	UCLA at Lincoln	42-10
Oct. 1	Syracuse at Lincoln	63-7
Oct. 8	at Oklahoma State	14-10
Oct. 15	at Missouri	34-13
Oct. 22	Colorado at Lincoln	69-19
Oct. 29	at Kansas State	51-25
Nov. 5	Iowa State at Lincoln	72-29
Nov. 12	Kansas at Lincoln	67-13
Nov. 26	at Oklahoma	28-21

Field Position Chart

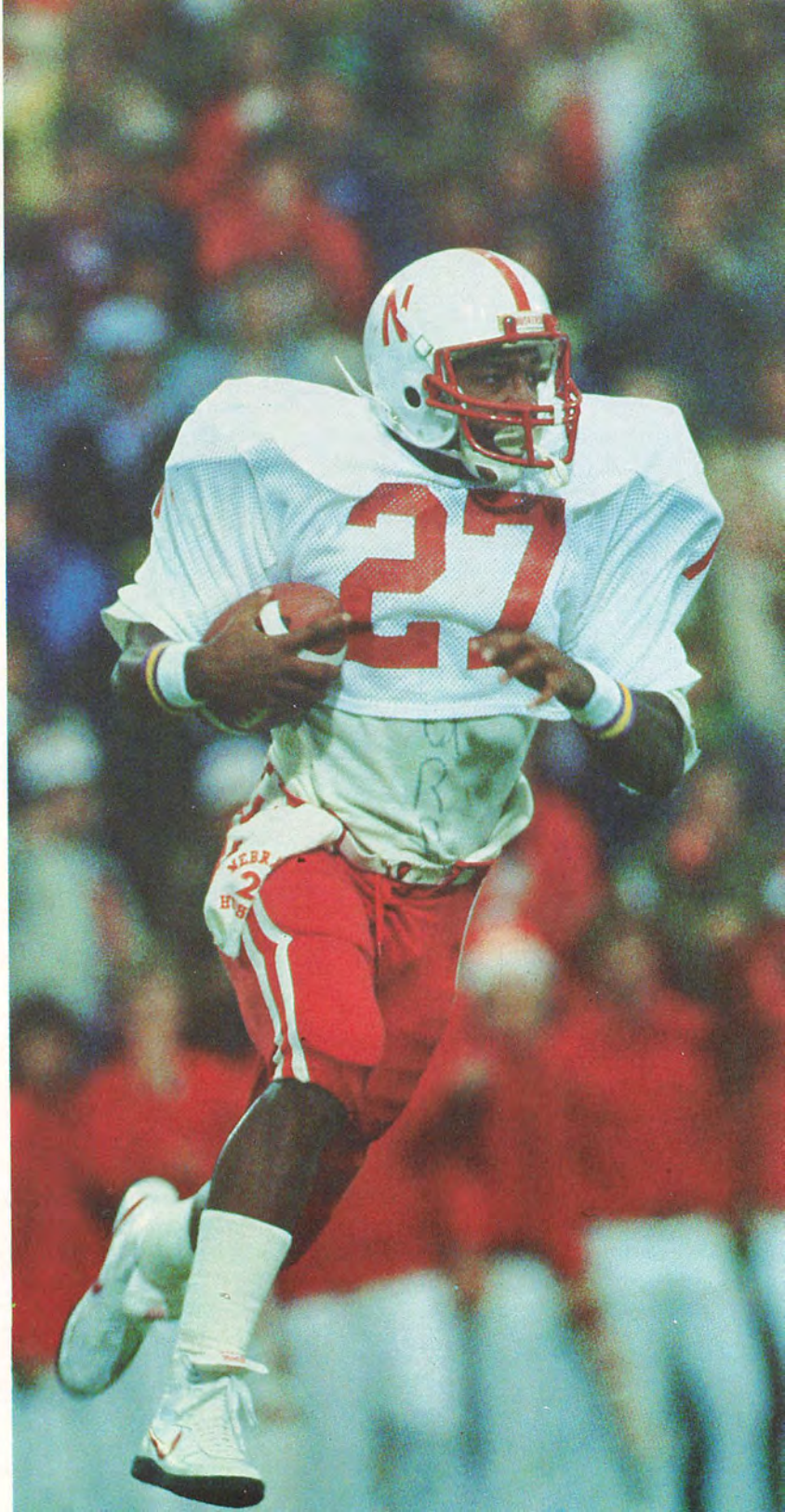


SECOND HALF



This field position chart shows how each offense moved the ball on each possession. The numbers and information down the side columns indicate how each possession ended (punt, fumble, interception, kickoff, etc.). If a team loses the ball after a kick (a return for a touchdown or a fumble), no possession will be indicated for the other team.

Irving Fryar is all alone as he circles his right end for this 18-yard gain on a reverse. Fryar carried the ball only this one time, but caught four passes for 27 yards as he kept the Oklahoma defense honest and helped open the way for Mike Rozier to have another 200-yard day.



Lockerroom Chatter

Neil Harris, cornerback — He came up short on a 27-yard completion on Oklahoma's final drive but saved the game by knocking down a pass over the middle on third down from the 10 and a fourth-down pass in the corner in the final minute. "I wasn't thinking about being a goat and then a hero or anything like that. I'm happy it went the way it did, not just for me but for all the players. I felt it was something we did together."

"On the third-down play, they thought it should have been interference, but the ball was tipped at the line of scrimmage, and it's fair game. I thought I had a better shot at the ball than he did. If the flag was thrown, it should have been on him."

"On the next play, I thought the quick out was the play they'd go with because they had gone with the slant the play before. That was their tendency. I didn't want to guess, I just wanted to see which way he'd go and break hard on the ball."

Mark Daum, linebacker — He underwent arthroscopic knee surgery three weeks earlier but played nearly the entire game. "Three weeks ago, all I was thinking about was getting my knee in shape. There was only a 50-50 chance, but there was no way I'd miss a Nebraska-Oklahoma game."

Tim Brungardt, fullback — He kept alive the Huskers' opening touchdown drive when he took a shovel pass from holder Turner Gill while cutting left from his right flank position on a fake field goal play that gained eight yards and a first down. "We worked on it every day last week, but not in a live situation. I lined up on the right side, outside the end. (Tom) Rathman was on the other side. The play can go either way."

"Turner calls '1' (right) or '9' (left) when he sees how the defense lines up. He called '9.' "

Ken Graeber, middle guard — "On their last drive, there were so many time-outs I was thinking what they'd do if they scored, go for

the tie or the win. We were hoping they'd go for two (points). That went through my mind, but I really thought we'd hold them out. Nobody's head was down. That was a great stereotype of a Nebraska-Oklahoma battle."

Mark Schellen, fullback — Sophomore Tom Rathman started in his place, but Schellen was in on the first series and scored the first and last touchdowns on runs of 7 and 17 yards. Those touchdowns tied Ray Novak's 1952 record for most TDs in a game by a Husker fullback, broke Doug Wilkening's record for most in a season (Schellen has nine) and Pete Tatman's 1964-66 career record (Schellen has 12). "The coaches told me they felt Tom's attitude and performance in practice had been a lot better than mine the last two weeks. It was a deal where they wanted me to make me realize what I had to do. They felt I wasn't doing as well as I was capable of. They were right. Tom was playing better."

"I was totally serious today. I wanted to get Doug's season touchdown record. I tried not to worry about anything and just work as hard as I could."

Tom Rathman, fullback — Grand Island sophomore started his first game and gained 48 yards on five carries, including a 28-yard breakaway as Nebraska ran off 5:20 on its final drive preceding a missed field goal. "The coaches told me last week that I was going to start, but I kinda messed up in practice on Monday, and I didn't know if I'd start until the kickoff. It doesn't make any difference to me if I start."

"The long run was a 38 trap. The first time we tried running it was on Mark's (Schellen's) second touchdown. There was a big hole there, and it was just a matter of hitting it. I probably *could* have gained another five or six yards, but I was thinking about going all the way. The defensive back was coming like heck and cutting me off from the side. I tried to cut back and use one of Mike Rozier's moves. It didn't work."

Season Stats

TEAM

	NU	OPP
First downs rushing	231	103
First down passing	75	118
First downs penalty	12	15
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	319	236
Attempts rushing	724	538
Yards gained rushing	5033	2158
Yards lost rushing	213	365
NET YARDS RUSHING	4820	1793
Passes attempted	192	371
Passes completed	107	183
Passes had intercepted	6	21
NET YARDS PASSING	1740	2627
Total plays	916	909
TOTAL YARDAGE	6560	4420
Interception return yds	309	22
Punts-Yards	36-1461	69-2732
Punting average	40.6	39.6
Punts blocked	0	1
Punt returns-Yards	45-433	16-60
Kickoff returns-Yards	28-525	76-1297
Penalties-Yards	63-561	63-525
Fumbles-Fumbles lost	44-15	34-15

Individual Rushing

	Att.	Yds.	Yds. Lost	Net Yds.	Avg.	Long Gain
Rozier	275	2167	19	2148	7.8	71
Gill	109	649	118	531	4.9	47
Schellen	77	454	4	450	5.8	65
J. Smith	78	441	2	410	5.6	28
Fryar	23	318	0	318	13.8	54
Miles	29	281	0	281	9.7	78
Mason	35	242	20	222	6.3	39
Rathman	26	143	0	143	5.5	28
Sundberg	18	108	22	86	4.8	44

Passing

	Att.	Com.	Int.	Yds.	Pct.	TD
Gill	170	94	4	1516	55.3	14
Sundberg	12	9	0	159	75.0	2
Mason	9	4	1	65	44.4	2
Rozier	1	0	1	0	0.0	0

Pass Receiving

	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD
Fryar	40	780	29.5	70	8
Kimball	12	207	17.3	42	1
Simmons	13	137	10.5	18	0
Rozier	10	106	10.6	26	0
Eng'brt'sn	7	95	13.6	29	1
J. Smith	6	146	24.3	68	2
Frain	5	100	20.0	32	3
Swanson	5	66	13.2	31	1

Scoring

	TD	PAT	2-PAT	FG	TP
Rozier	29				174
Fryar	10		2-2		64
Gill	11		0-2		66
J. Smith	8				48
Schellen	9				54
Livingston		35-37		2-3	41
D. Schneider		32-36	1-1		35
Sundberg	4				24
Frain	3				18
Miles	3				18
Mason	2				12

Defensive Statistics

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Tackles Tackles Tackles Loss

Linemen					
Bunger	1		1		-
Graeber	15	12	27		4-18
Herrmann	22	8	30		6-36
Keeler	17	23	40		1-6
Praeuner	10	3	13		4-15
Reeves	3	3	6		-
Reinhardt	2	0	2		1-2
Reynolds	5	1	6		-
Ridder	19	19	38		5-31
Shead	9	4	13		1-6
Skow	17	6	23		7-42
B. Smith	7	2	9		1-7
Strasburger	21	20	41		6-19
Stuckey	26	20	46		6-26
Tranmer	26	18	44		2-9
Tucker	4	1	5		-
Tyrer	1	1	2		1-4
Weber	24	10	34		4-25
White	1	0	1		1-10
Zierke	2		2		2-17

Linebackers

Armstrong		2	2		-
Daffer	13	11	24		1-1
Daum	44	49	93		9-17
Forch	1	0	1		-
Gangwish	1	2	3		-
Holloway	8	4	12		1-1
Knox	64	61	125		7-24
McCoy	4	2	6		-
Munford	3	0	3		-
Parsons	2	1	3		-
Proffitt	17	6	23		2-17
Wade	0	1	1		-

Backs

Biggers	2	0	2		-
Burke	32	21	53		4-5
Casterline	7	4	11		1-7
Clark	37	9	46		-
Fisher	9	4	13		1-1
Greene	8	1	9		-
Harris	34	14	48		-
McCashland	33	24	57		3-12
Paige	2	1	3		-
Pokorny	1	0	1		-
G. Rozier	3	0	3		-
Schneider	13	6	19		1-1
Thorell	3	0	3		-



Turner Gill (12) pivots and looks for the first option out of the Husker I offense. Gill was playing in his final Big Eight Conference contest in the 28-21 Nebraska win at OU, and finished his career with a league record that was perfect over three years.

TWO DEEP

NEBRASKA

DEFENSE

- LE**
87 Bill Weber, 6-2, 210, So.
86 Dave Ridder, 6-1, 205, Sr.
- LT**
61 Mike Keeler, 6-4, 245, Sr.
63 Doug Hermann, 6-4, 275, Sr.
- MG**
64 Mike Tranmer, 5-11, 230, Sr.
52 Ken Graeber, 6-2, 250, Jr.
- RT**
75 Rob Stuckey, 6-3, 250, Jr.
95 Jim Skow, 6-3, 225, So.
- RE**
90 Scott Strasburger, 6-1, 205, Jr.
85 Wade Praetorius, 5-11, 200, Sr.
- SLB**
51 Mark Daum, 6-3, 235, Jr.
34 Todd Proffitt, 5-11, 235, So.
- WLB**
44 Mike Knox, 6-3, 235, Jr.
43 Tony Holloway, 6-2, 200, So.
- LC**
11 Neil Harris, 6-1, 195, Jr.
5 Rickey Greene, 5-9, 175, Jr.
- MON**
2 Mike McCashland, 6-1, 195, Jr.
24 Dan Casterline, 5-10, 205, So.
- S**
10 Bret Clark, 6-2, 200, Jr.
3 Gary Schneider, 5-11, 185, So.
- RC**
33 Dave Burke, 5-10, 195, Jr.
6 Todd Fisher, 6-0, 190, So.

NEBRASKA

OFFENSE

- SE**
17 Ricky Simmons, 5-10, 175, Sr.
88 Scott Kimball, 6-0, 185, Jr.
- LT**
73 Mark Behning, 6-8, 290, Jr.
67 Greg Orton, 6-1, 250, Jr.
- LG**
58 Hany Grimminger, 6-3, 260, Jr.
53 Anthony Thomas, 6-2, 275, Jr.
- C**
57 Mark Traynowicz, 6-6, 260, Jr.
54 Brad Muehling, 6-0, 220, Sr.
- RG**
71 Dean Steinhuhler, 6-3, 270, Sr.
70 Brian Blankenship, 6-0, 260, So.
- RT**
72 Scott Raridon, 6-3, 280, Sr.
65 Tim Roth, 5-11, 260, So.
- TE**
83 Monte Engebretson, 6-1, 220, Sr.
80 Todd Frain, 6-2, 215, So.
- QB**
12 Turner Gill, 6-0, 190, Sr.
8 Nate Mason, 6-0, 205, Sr.
- IB**
30 Mike Rozier, 5-11, 210, Sr.
28 Jeff Smith, 5-9, 190, Jr.
- FB**
25 Mark Schellen, 5-10, 225, Sr.
26 Tom Rathman, 6-0, 220, So.
- WB**
27 Irving Fryar, 6-0, 200, Sr.
17 Shane Swanson, 5-9, 195, Jr.
- PK**
48 Scott Livingston, 6-2, 200, Jr.
1 Dave Schneider, 5-7, 175, So.
- P**
48 Scott Livingston, 6-2, 200, Jr.
47 Dan Wingard, 6-1, 200, So.

MIAMI

OFFENSE

- SE**
40 Ed Brown, 6-0, 175, Jr.
7 John Smatana, 6-1, 177, Sr.
- LT**
79 Paul Bertucelli, 6-4, 248, Fr.
74 Gregg Rakoczy, 6-5, 278, Fr.
- LG**
69 Juan Comendiro, 6-2, 240, Jr.
77 Paul O'Connor, 6-0, 240, Jr.
- C**
76 Ian Sinclair, 6-3, 242, Sr.
56 Stu Schellenberger, 6-3, 248 Sr.
- RG**
72 Alvin Ward, 6-1, 258, Jr.
60 Owen Stephens, 6-2, 231, So.
- RT**
52 Dave Heffernan, 6-4, 250, Jr.
70 Ed Davis, 6-3, 252, Fr.
- TE**
86 Glenn Dennison, 6-3, 214, Sr.
88 Chris Hembrough, 6-2, 216, So.
- QB**
20 Bernie Kosar, 6-4, 204, Fr.
13 Kyle Vanderwende, 6-3, 204, So.
- WR**
6 Stanley Shakespeare, 6-0, 171, Jr.
11 David Kintigh, 6-0, 165, Fr.
- FB**
16 Albert Bentley, 5-11, 208, Sr.
30 Alonzo Highsmith, 6-1, 223, Fr.
- HB**
44 Keith Griffin, 5-8, 186, Sr.
37 Darryl Oliver, 5-11, 184, Fr.

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DEFENSE

- LE**
41 Danny Brown, 6-3, 223, Sr.
57 Ron Harris, 6-0, 205, Jr.
- LT**
97 Fred Robinson, 6-3, 223, Sr.
80 Willie Broughton, 6-4, 245, Jr.
- MG**
66 Darin McMurray, 6-1, 232, So.
62 Tony Fitzpatrick, 6-0, 240, Sr.
- RT**
95 Kevin Fagan, 6-3, 261, So.
98 Jerome Brown, 6-2, 261, Fr.
- RE**
99 Julio Cortes, 6-4, 205, Jr.
92 Winston Moss, 6-3, 220, Fr.
- LB**
54 Jay Brophy, 6-3, 227, Sr.
51 Jack Fernandez, 6-1, 211, Sr.
- LB**
36 Ken Sisk, 6-1, 222, Sr.
90 Vic Morris, 6-1, 234, Fr.
- LC**
4 Rodney Bellinger, 5-9, 189, Sr.
43 Doug McFadden, 6-1, 186, Fr.
- RC**
1 Reggie Sutton, 5-10, 178, Fr.
47 Lucious Delegal, 6-2, 193, Jr.
- MON**
2 Kenny Calhoun, 6-1, 202, Jr.
27 Greg Jones, 6-2, 187, Jr.
- FS**
29 Eddie Williams, 6-0, 192, Sr.
28 Willie Martinez, 6-2, 193, Jr.
- PK**
3 Jeff Davis, 5-6, 140, Sr.
35 Mark Seelig, 5-11, 173, Fr.
- P**
12 Rick Tuten, 6-0, 186, Fr.
34 Steve Minie, 6-1, 181, Jr.

The Way We See It

Lyell Bremser

KFAB Radio, Omaha

"I think the game with Miami is a little bit scary, more so than any other on the Nebraska schedule. I guess it goes with being number one, but it seems to me they've been handed a heckuva mountain to climb to be forced to play the University of Miami on their home field before a predominantly partisan crowd.

"If the game were played on a neutral field, there would be no worries. Nebraska still is a better football team than Miami and will win the game in spite of the odds. Nevertheless, I'm convinced it'll be a titanic struggle."

Chuck Stevens

KFOR Radio, Lincoln

"One of the concerns of the coaches is the fact that it becomes a home contest for Miami. But I guess in a way it's a nostalgic renewal of the first bowl game of the Devaney-Osborne era at the Gotham Bowl. If this game resembles that game at all, we're in for one heck of a good game.

"Miami had a great passer in that game in George Mira and reportedly now they've got a fine passer in their freshman quarterback and passing teams have had a history of making it interesting for us this season.

"I guess ultimately we've got enough offensive firepower and with the national championship probably riding on the outcome, I don't think the big prize will get away this time. **Nebraska 35, Miami 17.**"

The Huskers say...

Huskers Illustrated

"The Orange Bowl Committee couldn't be happier. They have a true national championship game for their golden anniversary classic. Top-ranked, highfalutin, record-breaking Nebraska, the home team, vs. upstart, youthful No. 5 hometown Miami, the visitor.

"Both teams figure they have destiny riding on their shoulder pads. Nebraska has a veteran offense that has been preparing for this moment for three years. Its defense has risen up and gotten nasty when it had to. The Huskers have not lost in 22 games and only once in three years with Turner Gill in the saddle. Gill will mount up for the final time in Miami.

"The Hurricanes will be the guys wearing the white hats for the locals and most of the national TV audience in this one. They have a bunch of freshmen among the two-deeps, including quarterback Bernie Kozar, a second-year yearling. The Miami winning string is 10 deep after an opening loss.

"Both teams earned the right to face off in the biggie by going down to the final seconds on the road before their last game was decided — the Hurricanes edging Florida State on a field goal and the Huskers holding off Oklahoma.

"Both have showed they can handle pressure. Miami's forte is its get-after-it defense, but it is unlikely the Hurricanes will get after it any more than Oklahoma did. The Huskers scored four times in that one. The major question is, can Miami score four times on Nebraska?

"Miami doesn't have the quick striking capabilities of an Oklahoma, but it can deal the Blackshirts fits with its short passing game. Not enough, though, to score more than two or three times.

"Look for another Nebraska-Oklahoma-style game, probably not more than a touchdown or so difference. This one will be decided on experience. Nebraska has it, with three straight visits to the Orange Bowl. The stadium is Miami's home turf, but this won't be the usual home game, not when a national title is on the line. Destiny says **Nebraska 31, Miami 21.**"

Steve Doyle
Orlando Sentinel

"It's pretty much the matchup between the dominating ground-oriented offense of Nebraska against the defense of Miami. I don't really expect the Miami team to be awed by Nebraska, although the Cornhuskers are one of the most dominating teams in college football history.

"The off time before the Orange Bowl will allow the Miami team to get some of its defensive injuries healed. Also, the campus, the city and everyone associated with the University of Miami program are at an emotional peak right now.

"Therefore we expect it to be a very tense, emotional football game where the score will be closer than most Nebraska followers will expect."

Christine Brennan
Miami Herald

"The 1984 Orange Bowl is the classic David and Goliath matchup, played on David's turf. Miami is smaller, less experienced, has less depth, less talent and less tradition, and is younger than Nebraska. It looks like a rerun of almost every Nebraska game this year — the classic mismatch.

"But Miami has nothing to lose and everything to gain. The Hurricanes, who start only a handful of highly recruited players, have outplayed bigger and stronger teams this season, i.e., Purdue (35-0), Notre Dame (20-0) and West Virginia (20-3).

"And emotion is squarely in Miami's corner. This is the finest moment in Miami history, and one of the city's greatest times in recent memory. The city is looking at Miami's invitation to the Orange Bowl (where UM has lost just two games in five years) as a chance to rewrite three years of bad publicity — riots, boatlifts of Cubans and Haitians, crime, drugs.

"This is what the Cornhuskers will be facing January 2."

Charlie Nobles
Miami News

"I think it's going to be a good game. Miami's strength is its defense, and they'll have two of their best defensive players back off of the injured list.

"I think they'll be psyched up beyond belief with the home crowd, and I'm sure they have due respect for Nebraska which has done some unbelievable things. One thing Nebraska has got to overcome is, they've stunk it up in bowl games the last seven or eight years.

"Miami's got a freshman quarterback you won't believe is a freshman when you see him play. He's big and he throws well, but his one liability is that he isn't very mobile.

"I just voted for the Heisman Trophy, and I voted for Rozier first and (Bernie) Kozar (the Miami quarterback) third. Maybe that smacks of hometownism, but he's had a great year. This season he passed the season touchdown record set last year by Jim Kelly, and he broke the season yardage set by George Mira, so he's already whipped two guys who went on to play pro football.

"I look for a decent game. Nebraska should win, but I think it'll be worth watching. I'd say Miami's got an outside chance of winning, which is better than no chance at all. I think it'll be 27-24 one way or the other."

Mike Babcock
Lincoln Journal-Star

"It was nice while it lasted, but the party's over for Miami on January 2. In the Orange Bowl, Miami will be confronted by "Hurricane Nebraska," more than a tropical storm. **Nebraska 45, Miami 17.**"

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